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## THE WEEK'S NEWS

Happenings of the Past Seven Days in Brief.

### ROUND ABOUT THE WORLD

Casualties and Fires, Personal and Political Notes, Business Failures and Resurrections, Weather Record.

### INTELLIGENCE FROM ALL PARTS

#### CONGRESS IN SESSION.

Meets to Consider Reciprocity for Cuba and Other Affairs.

The United States senate was in session only 15 minutes on the 4th and the business transacted was purely of a routine character. In the house a bill was introduced making April 14 of each year a legal holiday, to be known as "Martyrs' day," in commemoration of the death of Abraham Lincoln.

The United States senate on the 5th took a recess until the 7th. The house adjourned, bringing the extra session of congress, so far as that body is concerned, to an end.

#### DOMESTIC.

Franz Frehr and his wife, an aged couple, were found murdered in their home at Buffalo, N. Y.

James L. Blair, former general counsel of the St. Louis world's fair, was arrested on two indictments for forgery and furnished bail in the sum of \$10,000.

Followers of Dr. Dowle believe that the receivership at Zion City will end soon. Experts were put to work on the books and the cash in the bank was counted. Mrs. Richard F. Mueller, bride of a week, died in Bridgeport, Conn., of glanders. She caught the dread disease from her pet horse.

Three men were killed and four injured in a collision between a handcar and a freight train at Sargent's, O.

An unknown admirer of President Roosevelt in Georgia has sent him a full-grown wild cat.

Third Assistant Postmaster General Madden in his annual report says that the reform of the abuses of the second-class mailing privileges can be completed in two years.

It is estimated that 9,000 steerage passengers have left New York in the last week for their old homes in Europe.

As a result of an explosion of a can of naphtha in the town of Greenwood, Del., 70 dwelling houses were damaged.

At Fort Wayne, Ind., St. Paul's German Lutheran church, one of the finest houses of worship in that city, was destroyed by fire.

A general strike of the bituminous coal miners is predicted by Secretary Ryan, of the United Mine Workers, if wages are cut 10 or 20 per cent.

Ratification of the Panama canal treaty is shown by a senate canvass to be practically certain. The democrats see no advantage in opposition.

The Contractors' Association of America, which meets in Chicago December 16, will form an alliance of building contractors and union employees, involving 750,000 men.

Herman J. Schulteis, chairman of the legislative committee of the Knights of Labor, accused Speaker Cannon of packing the house labor committee and was expelled from the speaker's room.

Secretary of the Navy Moody in his annual report discusses proposed plan for the reorganization of the department and methods to prevent desertions.

Ten members of a dangerous gang of counterfeiters were arrested in New York and Revere, Mass.

The wholesale mercantile establishment of H. D. Lee, at Salina, Kan., was burned, the loss being \$500,000.

The Citizens' Industrial association in Chicago declared against what it terms the "tyranny of organized labor," and asked other bodies to affiliate with it.

The exchanges at the leading clearing houses in the United States during the seven days ended on the 4th aggregated \$2,247,891,286. The decrease compared with the corresponding week of last year was 11.1.

The heroism of Boatswain Deery, who swam 100 yards in raging seas off Norfolk, Va., carrying a line and hawser, saved the submarine torpedo boat Adder from destruction.

There were 331 business failures in the United States during the seven days ended on the 4th, against 258 the same week in 1902.

John Alexander Dowle received a draft for \$50,000 and an offer of \$200,000 more, the outlook being that Zion City's financial troubles will be brought to a speedy termination.

The Ohio river is closed by ice gorges and traffic is entirely suspended.

Martial law has been declared at Cripple Creek, Col., by Gov. Peabody, who issued a proclamation declaring that Teller county is in a state of insurrection.

Henry Billings Brown, Associate Justice of the United States supreme court, is threatened with total blindness.

George D. Woods, owner of private banks in Iowa at Colfax, Mitchellville, Ira and Baxter, committed suicide in Colfax without any apparent cause.

A labor war has been started in the Fox River valley, where Chicago firms moved to escape strikers.

Cold weather has stimulated trade throughout the country.

Bunan-Varilla's name has been added to the diplomatic roll in Washington as minister from Panama.

The supreme court has declared that the Minnesota sugar bounty is unconstitutional.

Yale won the annual intercollegiate debate in New Haven with Harvard.

An employe in Pittsburgh of the United States Express company confessed that for years an organized gang had been robbing the company of packages.

A tiny phial of actinium valued at \$100,000,000 a pound has reached Dr. George F. Kunz, the New York mineral and diamond expert.

In its official trial trip over the Cape Ann course the new cruiser Des Moines exceeded its contract requirement, making an average of 16,633 knots an hour.

Lewis Jackson (colored) was lynched by a mob near Tampa, Fla., for attempted assault on a white girl.

Creditors holding claims for \$300,000 decided to support John Alexander Dowle, and appointed a committee to assure the overseer of their confidence in him and to offer him aid in ousting the receivers.

The Miami Military Institute at Germantown, O., was destroyed by fire.

Fire destroyed the big lake steamer J. Emory Owen at Sturgeon Bay, Wis., with 80,000 bushels of grain.

The Romanic sailed from Boston with 1,581 steerage passengers for Mediterranean ports. This is a record list.

Secretary of War Root in his annual report gives the army's strength at 2,761 officers and 55,500 men; 39,068 of the latter are in the United States and 14,669 in the Philippines.

Conductor McGrath, brakeman W. E. Crowley and Charles Kaughn were killed in a railway collision near Worcester, Mass.

The last pile has been driven in the 36-mile trestle across the Great Salt lake, which is a part of the cutoff of the Southern Pacific road.

John Spares, aged 30, killed Lina Perkins, aged 15, at Winslow, N. M., and then killed himself. Jealousy was the motive.

Six labor union men were indicted in Chicago for conspiracy to spirit away witnesses to prevent the prosecution of one of their brethren for vandalism.

Dell Thompson killed Addie Hacker, his fiancée, and then committed suicide at a wedding feast in Camden, N. J., the couple having agreed to die together.

Two hundred Rhode Island clergymen have begun a crusade against divorce and will refuse to marry divorced persons.

The comptroller of the currency has authorized the First national bank of Allegheny, Pa., to resume business.

#### PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

Joshua Ward, the old-time champion carman, died at his home in Cornwall-on-Hudson, aged 65 years.

Congressman Vespasian Warner has formally announced his candidacy for the republican nomination for governor of Illinois.

Martin Gill, a recluse aged 102 years, died in Fond du Lac, Wis.

Dr. Cyrus Edson, the famous germ specialist, died in New York after a brief illness, aged 46 years.

Bishop Abiel Leonard, head of the Episcopal church in Utah and Nevada, died in Salt Lake City, aged 55 years.

John A. Hauke died in Bloomington, Ind., aged 103 years.

Thaddeus A. Neeley, inventor of the adjustable roller skate, died in Muncie, Ind.

William M. Springer, who was 20 years a congressman from Illinois, died of pneumonia at his home in Washington, aged 64 years.

Congressman Henry Burk, of the Third Pennsylvania district, died at his home in Philadelphia after an illness of more than a year, aged 53 years.

William Henry Welsh, once private secretary to President James Buchanan, died in New York, aged 77 years.

#### FOREIGN.

Ten of the crew of the wrecked American ship Benjamin A. Sewall were killed by savages off Tobago island on the Formosan coast.

The Ottawa university, one of the largest educational institutions in Canada, was destroyed by fire, the loss being \$500,000.

The Russian cruisers Bayan and Tearevitch have reached Port Arthur, although Japanese warships were reported on the lookout to prevent.

The house of lords has decided that women are debarred by their sex from becoming qualified lawyers in Great Britain.

being kept away owing to his throat troubles.

The provisional government of San Domingo has made an official request for recognition from the United States.

The British cruiser Flora, costing \$1,250,000, went ashore on the British Columbian coast and may be a total wreck.

The canal treaty was ratified by the Panama junta within a day of its receipt. Count von Buelow opened the reichstag as the emperor's proxy, the emperor United States marines were landed at Colon because Colombian troops threatened to massacre Americans unless commanders were released.

Four former Colombian officers have been deported from Panama, charged with plotting the death of Gen. Huertas, now commanding the isthmian troops.

#### LATER.

Senate—The first regular session of the Fifty-eighth congress began at noon, on the 7th, but the senate met half an hour before that hour, in accordance with the adjournment, on the 5th, for the permitting of an orderly adjournment of the called session. The senate held a short executive session, confirming a few unimportant nominations. President Frye presided at 12 o'clock declared the extra session adjourned without day. He immediately rapped for order, and the chaplain offered prayer. The roll call of the senate then followed for the regular session. The president's message was received and read.

House—Ceremonies attending the ushering in of the regular session of congress, on the 7th, were severely simple in the house. But for the presence of a few beautiful floral offerings and a call of the roll by states, there was nothing in the session to differentiate it from any other. The first business in the house was the swearing in of Representative Pinckney, of Texas. Then came the call of the roll by states. The chair announced the presence of 393 members. Representatives Hepburn, Hemenway and Williams were appointed a committee to join a committee of the senate to call on the president and inform him that congress was ready to receive his message. At 1 p. m. the house recessed till 1:30, when the president's message was transmitted and read.

Representative Prince, of Illinois, a member of the banking and currency committee, introduced a bill in congress, on the 7th, providing that \$100,000,000 of the public moneys now deposited with national bank depositors shall be invested by the secretary of the treasury at the rate of \$5,000,000 a month in state, county and municipal bonds which pay interest at not less than two per cent.

A receiver was appointed, on the 7th, for the Bank of Ravia, I. T. President Neal of the bank was placed under arrest, charged with embezzlement of the bank's funds, but the amount of the alleged embezzlement was not stated, nor was a statement of the bank's condition obtainable.

Harry J. Hoover pleaded guilty in the United States court at Columbus, O., on the 7th, to making false entries and fraudulent issue of a certificate as cashier of the People's national bank, Newark, O. He was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

#### MINOR NEWS ITEMS.

The fifty-ninth birthday of Queen Alexandra of England was celebrated in London.

American Jews are now forbidden to enter Russia without special permit from the interior minister of that country.

Citizens of Cleveland, O., formally presented a handsome bronze ship's bell to the new cruiser Cleveland at Portsmouth, N. H.

Gerónimo, the famous Apache chief, has joined the Dutch Reformed church. Theodore C. Hinckley, of St. Louis, appointed district attorney of Manila, is 23 years of age.

C. W. Cotton, aged 77, is the oldest reporter in the country. He works on a New Albany (Ind.) paper.

A monument is to be erected at Newark, N. J., to the memory of Thomas Dunn English, author of "Ben Bolt."

A construction and equipment budget of the Pennsylvania railroad for 1904 comprehends the expenditure of \$30,000,000.

Jacob Hinds shot and fatally wounded Jerry Arnold at Cadiz Junction, O., because the latter defeated him in a sparring exhibition.

Wilhelm von Polenz, noted German traveler, who wrote a book with the title "America, the Land of the Future," is dead.

Consul General Wormen reports that the University of Munich, which has thrown open its doors to women students, has extended the privilege to Americans.

Joseph Weber and Lew Fields paid \$200 a minute to hear Mme. Patti sing in their Harlem (N. Y.) theater. A total of \$2,000 of the \$5,000 guaranteed to her was not taken at the door.

An accident at their wedding, by which blood fell on the bridal cake, resulted in the immediate separation of Patrick O'Malley and Mrs. Mary Gallagher, whom he married in Chicago.

Heads of governments have arranged an international exchange of detectives to guard against anarchy, and police from other nations will come to protect the president of the United States.

After a service of 61 years, Thomas Wentworth Higginson, the well-known historian, has resigned as chairman of the committee which inspects the course of instruction in English literature at Harvard university.

## NEWS FROM MISSOURI.

Over 10,000 rabbits were shipped from Columbia to the eastern markets during the recent snow.

The enrollment at the state university this year is nearly 1,700, the largest in the university's history.

There were 749 real estate transfers at Kansas City during November, the total sales aggregating \$1,586,500.

J. Sam Watson, a Callaway county farmer, is knocking on barb wire fences. He says they have "played enough havoc" with horses in Callaway county "to fence every field on every farm in the county with woven wire fence five feet high and cedar posts to match."

Mrs. E. P. Churchill, wife of the manager of the new Lyric theater at St. Joseph, lost \$5,000 worth of diamonds at the Hotel Metropole. After the police detectives had worked on the case all day the sparklers were found in the laundry, where they had been sent with the soiled linen.

Advocates of Joseph W. Folk's candidacy for governor met recently at St. Louis, about 60 of them, and mapped out a campaign. It was decided to name a central committee of two from each congressional district. Congressman Vandiver, of the Fourteenth district, was a leading figure at the meeting.

Kansas City and St. Joseph are to have municipal exhibits at the world's fair. For the former \$25,000 and for the latter \$15,000 has been allotted. Judge Hawthorne was authorized to arrange for the Kansas City exhibit and it is stated that it will probably be a casino, with a relief map of the city in the building.

Ten women of the East Broadway Christian church, of Sedalia, went to the farm of D. J. Williams, three miles east of Sedalia, and gathered 49 bushels of corn without male assistance, which they disposed of at 50 cents a bushel for the benefit of the church. Mr. Williams gave them the corn and furnished them with dinner.

The Westport Avenue (Kansas City) Christian church, which has been abandoned by its congregation for a more imposing structure, was erected in 1845 and is the oldest Christian church building west of the Mississippi river. Among its early day pastors was Alexander Campbell, who was one of the leading factors in the organization of the church.

J. M. Hicks, a well-known farmer and stockman two miles northwest of Rich Hill, gave a dance to a few of his young friends. Three uninvited young men from Panama filled up on whisky and tried to force themselves into the house. When Mr. Hicks came to the door one of the men broke a heavy bottle over his forehead, causing ugly wounds.

At Jefferson City an association has been formed to be known as the Jefferson City Sunday league. Its purposes are to preserve the Sabbath as a day of rest, free from all practices that interfere with its sacredness as a day of worship; to cultivate a high moral and patriotic citizenship; to cooperate with the city, county and state officials in the enforcement of law.

John Davis, who died at Trenton a few days ago, aged 87 years, had an unusual career. One of his claims to distinction was that he was a minister in the Christian church continuously for 65 years. He was married to Miss Lucinda Teagarden in Scioto county, O., in 1836, and they lived happily together for 65 years. He moved to Ray county in 1846, and had lived in this state continuously for 57 years. He had nine children, and at the time of his death was the grandfather and great-grandfather of 82 children, and the great-great-grandfather of two.

When Mrs. Charles Layman was tried in circuit court at Maryville the other day for selling liquor contrary to law, her attorney argued that as she had sold liquor only at the request or command of her husband, she was guilty of no crime, because her marriage obligation required her to "obey." Judge Ellison took the point under advisement and finally decided that the defense would be valid only in case the crime had been committed at the husband's command and in his presence. Then he, not his wife, would be the criminal. Mrs. Layman accordingly was fined.

"Every Missourian may well be proud of his state's university," says President Jesse, its head, "for while it does not always defeat all comers on the gridiron it has made for itself a reputation as an educational institution that places it well up among the leaders of the country. The national government has on several occasions selected the University of Missouri in preference to all others in the United States to make tests for the nation's benefit and advancement, foreign nations have sent their favored sons and daughters, too, to Columbia to learn at the nation's expense, so little proof is necessary to indicate that the Missouri university is what is claimed for it."

## ASSETS EXCEED HIS LIABILITIES

Dowle's Statement of Debts and Resources in Zion City.

### A MEETING OF CREDITORS

If Dowle's Statement Is Found to Be Correct Creditors Will Seek to Have Bankruptcy Proceedings Dismissed.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—In a statement which places his assets at more than four times as much as his liabilities, John Alexander Dowle, at a meeting attended by a majority of his creditors, submitted a proposal by which it is believed that the financial tangle at Zion City will be straightened in a satisfactory manner.

In Dowle's communication his assets are declared to be \$18,845,210 and his liabilities only \$4,058,349. Of the liabilities, \$452,267 is merchandise indebtedness. Notes bearing five per cent. interest were offered by Dowle in settlement, and he agreed to take up ten percent of his indebtedness in three months, 25 per cent. in six months, 25 per cent. in nine months and the remaining 40 per cent. in one year.

### To Dismiss Bankruptcy Proceedings

The creditors who were represented at the meeting though the proposal reasonable, and a committee was appointed to seek further details. If this committee finds that Dowle's statements of debts and resources is correct, it is said they will accept his proposal at once, and then seek to have the bankruptcy proceedings dismissed. Dowle's statement of his resources included land, buildings, stock in Zion's lace industry, bills receivable and other items not named.

Of his total indebtedness, that due for bank deposits and shares of stock in the various Zion industries was placed at \$2,193,679, maturing in 1919 and 1923. Bills payable on account of land were placed at \$315,493, due in 1905 and 1908.

The judgment due Samuel Stevenson is \$100,000, for which secured notes have been given. This leaves only \$452,267 due to outside creditors on merchandise accounts. It is to the holders of these outside claims that Dowle made the offer of settlement.

### CREDITORS ASK FOR A BOND.

Largest Creditors Demand an Indemnifying Bond by Receivers.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Twenty-five attorneys representing creditors of John Alexander Dowle appeared to argue motions before Judge Kohlsaat Monday morning for various processes to secure their principals in claims against Zion City. The largest creditors, including Samuel Stevenson, Dowle's brother-in-law, who holds claims for \$100,000, demanded an indemnifying bond by the receivers. Judge Kohlsaat informed the attorneys he was in doubt whether his court had the right to issue an order for an indemnifying bond unless Dowle or his attorney appeared in court and demanded it, which they have failed to do. He took the matter under consideration for his own enlightenment. Hearing of the motions was postponed till Wednesday.

### WOOD'S NAME SENT TO SENATE

President Nominates Him For Major-General; Also Many Other Officers Nominated.

Washington, Dec. 8.—President Roosevelt Monday sent to the senate the nomination of Gen. Leonard Wood to be major-general of the army, and the nominations of 167 other army officers whose promotions depend on that of Gen. Wood. Accompanying these nominations were those of about 25 civilian appointees, including that of Dr. W. H. Crum to be collector of the port of Charleston, S. C., and some others whom the president nominated in the last recess.

These appointments are considered by the president and his advisers to be recess appointments. If confirmed, the commissions of these officers will date back to the time of their original appointments last summer.

### SYMPATHY PLEASES KAISER.

Chancellor Von Buelow Asserts That Royal Patient's Progress Toward Recovery Is Satisfactory.

Berlin, Dec. 8.—Chancellor Von Buelow, in view of the alarming reports abroad concerning Emperor William's health, and in response to a message of sympathy from American friends of the emperor, expresses his sincere thanks for the good wishes of his imperial master.

The chancellor brought the messages to the emperor's knowledge, and says that the emperor expressed his pleasure over these testimonies of sympathy.